(ii) Enforcement of the various provisions of the Hazardous Wastes Rules by the State Governments.

(iii) Prohibition on the import of hazardous wastes containing arsenic, cyanide and mercury.

(iv) Training and awareness programmes.

[Translation]

Vacancies for Handicapped Persons

1621. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of handicapped persons registered in the Employment Exchanges from 1990 to 1996; and

(b) the number of handicapped persons appointed in the Government offices in different States during the said period ;

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Information received from the Ministry of Labour (DGE&T) is given in the Statement.

Statement

Number of Registrations and Placements made by the Employment Exchanges in the country in respect of Physically Handicapped Persons each year during the period 1990-95 together with their number on Live Register

Year	Registrations made during the year	No. of Placements made during the year in						Total	No. on Live Register at the end of the year
		Central Govt.	Union Territory	State Govt.	Quasi Govt./ Govt. Estts./ Public Sector Undertakings	Local Bodies	Pvt. Estts.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1990	43089	554	84	2276	555	249	221	3939	295846
1991	42074	770	77	2474	688	288	302	4599	313393
1992	44705	544	66	2156	626	304	610	4306	323220
1993	49330	279	52	2599	627	252	642	4451	337602
1994	43732	364	13	2784	463	224	637	4485	340304
1995	48317	324	47	2033	366	218	718	3706	352743

Note: 1. Data includes information in respect of Spl. employment exchanges for Physically Handicapped.

2. Includes information in respect of Blind, Deaf & Dumb, Orthopaedics, Respiratory disorders and Negative Leprosy persons.

[English]

Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987

1622. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether promulgation of Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 in Tripura keeping in view the tension and violence prevailing in the State is under active consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons who lost their lives in these incidents in Tripura during the last six months; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Against 176 persons killed during 1996, 89 persons have been killed during the current year upto 24 February, 1997.

(d) A series of steps have been taken to curb such incidents which include review of the situation from time to time, improved coordination of counter-insurgency operations and sharing of intelligence, induction of additional units of the Central Para-Military Foces and the Army, strengthening of the State Police Force, sanction of India Reserve

Battalions, release of arms and ammunition and other security related equipment on priority basis. In addition, 17 Police Station areas in Tripura have been declared as disturbed under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in order to take more effective action against insurgent elements.

[Translation]

Policing in Hilly Districts in U.P.

1623. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work relating to the police in rural areas of the hilly districts in UP is done by the 'Patwaris' working under the Revenue Department;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the Patwari cadre has boycotted the policing work for the last one year on the demand of pay, allowances, uniform and arms equal to the regular police personnel;

(c) whether due to boycott of policing work by the Patwaris, many cases of criminal nature are pending and the law and order situation is deteriorating; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to end the boycott by the Patwaris ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Ban on Grazing

1624. SHRI BHIM PRASAD DAHAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government are aware that Sikkim Government has banned grazing in the forest areas;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to ban grazing in all the forest areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to ban grazing in all the forest areas of the country. However, the National Forests Policy, 1988 *inter-alia* envisages that grazing in forest areas should be regulated with the involvement of the community. Special conservation areas, young plantations and regeneration areas should be fully protected from grazing. National Policy also provides for levying of adequate grazing fees to discourage people in forest areas from maintaining large herds of non-essential livestock.

[Translation]

Pending Cases of Bhopal Gas Leakage Disaster

1625. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending in the court of Commissioner, Gas Relief, Bhopal, quarter-wise;

(b) the number of new cases filed in the office of the Commissioner during 1996-97 along with the number of cases disposed of, month-wise;

(c) whether appointment of the Hon'ble Justice as Commissioner has been made on full time or part time basis; and

(d) the location of the headquarter of the Commissioner, Gas Relief ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The number of cases pending in the Court of the Welfare Commissioner, Bhopal gas tragedy is as follows :

Category	Pending more than 3 months	Pending more than 6 months	Pending more than 9 months	Pending more than 12 months	Total
01 (Personal injury)	77	34	259	187	557
04 (Death)	64	450	250	21	785